

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTS UNDER GI REGISTRATION .

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) The names of products that have been brought under the Geographical Indications Registration (GIR) to protect the country's interest in the international market;
- (b) Whether the Government has identified more such products for registration under GIR;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) The manner in which this is likely to avoid import/dumping from other countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

- (a): Twenty-eight products have so far been registered, under the Geographical Indications (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999, as per the details in Annexure I.
- (b) and (c): There are thirty-two pending applications, as per details in Annexure II.
- (d): Geographical Indications (GIs) registration gives to the registered proprietor and its authorized users, the legal right to the exclusive use of the GI and also the right to obtain relief in respect of its infringement. Exclusion of unauthorized persons from misusing geographical indications would ensure that genuine products of the rightful producers are marketed. However, registration of geographical indications is not directly linked to import/dumping from other countries.